



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Thomas Examiner : Rodriguez, C. L.  
Application No. : 10/068,551 Group Art : 3763  
Filing Date : February 5, 2002 Docket No. : 26998-2  
Confirmation No. : 8294  
Title : NITRIC OXIDE DONOR COMPOSITIONS, METHODS,  
APPARATUS, AND KITS FOR PREVENTING OR ALLEVIATING  
VASOCONSTRICTION OR VASOPASM IN A MAMMAL

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**AMENDMENT A**  
**AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003, issued in connection with the above-referenced application. The Office Action set a three-month statutory period to respond. This Amendment A and Response to Office Action, including a three month Petition for Extension of Time, mailed on March 12, 2004, is thus timely filed.

### **IN THE DRAWINGS**

The examiner will find attached a new drawing (Figure 9) illustrating the elements shown in the claims as filed and described in the specification as filed. See, for example, paragraph 29, 31, 136, 137, 138, 139 and claim 73. The drawing is not believed to contain any new matter.